THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) In Nepal, Russia and China, Indian schools are being run for children of our diplomats abroad.

(b) Information in this respect is being compiled by seeking inputs from all Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

(c) Under the Indian Foreign Service (Pay, Leave, Compensatory Allowances) Rules, the Ministry is responsible for schooling of children, in the age group of 5 to 20 years, of officials serving in Indian Missions/ Posts abroad. The education allowance given to India-based officials is resticted to admissible items as defined in the rules, and according to the charges levied by the schools, which are in the panel of the Mission/ Post.

U.S. efforts to stop cross border terrorism in India

2639. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that USA President took up the issue of cross border terrorism with Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf during June, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the outcome of the USA efforts and optimistic of positive response from Pakistan".

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes. The United States has repeatedly stated that it continues to press President Musharraf to end infiltration and take action on terrorist camps. At the joint press briefing after his Camp David summit with President Musharraf on 24 June, 2003, President Bush stated, "we discussed the need to address extremism and cross-border infiltration". A senior U.S. official also stated at a press briefing on 24 June 2003, "we expect and what we think Musharraf needs to commit to and we think he has committed to is a hundred per cent effort at trying to stop cross-border incidents".

(c) Government has noted Statements by the United States in this regard. Cross-border infiltration and terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir continue.